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MCC shifts traffic-disrupting sheep market from Millennium Circle to nearby Bal Bhavan

SOM impact

Livestock trade at LIC Circle last year. Picture right shows Police & MCC staff supervising business at Bal Bhavan premises this year.

Mysuru, May 24 (KS&BCT)- The annual Bakrid sheep market at Millennium Circle (LIC Divisional Office Circle) has finally been shifted to the nearby Bal Bhavan premises at Bannimantap, bringing relief to motorists and residents who had long complained about traffic congestion and safety concerns at the busy junction.

With Bakrid to be celebrated on May 28, trading activity has already picked up at the new venue, where sheep and goat sellers from various villages have gathered to do business.

For years, the area around Millennium Circle used to transform into a makeshift livestock market during the Bakrid season, with traders displaying sheep and goats inside and around the traffic island.

Buyers would crowd the spot in search of healthy animals at competitive prices, while sheep carriages and passenger vehicles parked haphazardly along the roadside added to the chaos.

The situation often led to severe traffic bottlenecks at the Circle, which connects the busy Nelson Mandela Road and Mysuru-Bengaluru Road and is surrounded by schools, colleges and the LIC Divisional Office.

The movement of livestock, traders, customers and vehicles in the congested area had also raised serious safety concerns for pedestrians and motorists alike. Several minor accidents had been reported in previous years. Despite recurring inconvenience, traders had continued to depend on the location due to the absence of an alternative market space.

Star of Mysore had repeatedly highlighted the issue over the years, urging the authorities to shift the seasonal market to a safer location. The reports appear to have finally prompted action, with the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) taking the initiative to relocate the market to the Bal Bhavan premises this year.

(See SHEEP on page 7)

Mysuru's first mineral freight train chugs off

2,200 tonnes of Dunite despatched to Odisha from Kadakola Multi-Modal Logistics Park

The mineral container before leaving Kadakola to Odisha.

Mysuru, May 24 (AG&BCT)- Mysuru's Kadakola industrial belt has scripted a new chapter in the region's domestic rail logistics sector with the successful trial run of a long-haul mineral consignment.

The Greenfield terminal of Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) at Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP), also known as Inland Container Depot (ICD), at Kadakola near Thandavapura, flagged off its maiden outbound container rake linking the mineral-rich Mysuru region with steel hubs in Odisha.

(See FREIGHT TRAIN on page 7)

BABU'S BANTER

By M.V. Nagendra Babu

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 24th May 2026

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

HANUMAN - SUPREME GURU: ***Swami Vedanta Desikan says,*** *Hanumat samena guruna,* ***meaning, Hanuman is the yardstick against whom all other gurus are measured. Why does Hanuman enjoy such an exalted status? There are many reasons for Hanuman being hailed as incomparable, but it is enough if we study two aspects, said Damal S. Ramakrishnan.***

First, Hanuman is a life saver. He saved the life of Sugriva, without whom Rama could not have successfully embarked on his search for Sita. Hanuman saved the life of Sita in a poignant manner. Kamban paints this graphically in his inimitable poetic style in his Ramayanam. He says Sita decided that death alone was the dharmic way for her after Ravana's continued pressure on her. Hanuman, watching her from a tree branch, quickly utters Rama's name and declares himself to be a messenger, thereby saving her life. He helped revive Lakshmana twice in the war in Lanka. Second, Hanuman acquires the status of a guru sent by Rama to search and locate Sita, as mentioned in the Sundara Kanda of the Ramayana. Where was Sita? She was in Lanka, an island, held captive in Ashok Van after being abducted by the tenheaded Ravana. In a deeper sense, the island signifies the ocean of worldly existence (material world) that all of us are caught in, with our *indriyas* ***being the captors. Regardless of the harsh situation, Sita never stopped praying to Rama to come and get her. Whenever a*** *jivatma* ***surrenders to the*** *Paramatma* ***(Perumal), He will send someone to save that*** *atma* ***from the ocean of repeated rebirths. Since he was the guru to both Sita and Rama, Hanuman is, in effect, Maheswara, the one who imparts and lifts one from worldly pursuits.*** *—In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man wears 32 T-shirts in one minute

Idaho (US): The Idaho man who holds the most concurrent Guinness World Records titles added another accomplishment to his tally by donning 32 T-shirts in one minute.

David Rush, whose previous records include the most T-shirts put on in 30 seconds and the fastest time to put on 10 T-shirts, tackled the title for the most T-shirts put on in one minute by an individual.

Rush, who had to don 25 T-shirts to break the record, ended up putting on 35 shirts in the allotted time -- but three of them were disqualified by Guinness World Records.

He said the disqualifications were "most likely because those specific hems did not fully clear the waistline under the pressure of the massive stack."

Collecting '100 Aashirwaads' from strangers

Mumbai: A Mumbai content creator went viral after attempting a challenge of collecting 100 blessings from strangers within an hour. What began with awkward reactions slowly turned into a heartwarming social media moment.

The Mumbai creator ended up going viral for doing something unexpectedly soft. He simply walked up to random people and asked for blessings.

The result was oddly wholesome. But somewhere between confused smiles, folded hands and strangers placing a hand on his head.

Older locals, shopkeepers, families and even people casually walking by began participating in the challenge. Several strangers smiled warmly, placed their hands on his shoulders or head and offered blessings without hesitation.

Eventually, after weaving through crowds across the city, he completed the challenge by reaching 100 blessings in only 47 minutes.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Don't Wait for Symptoms

Cervical cancer screening is not meant only for when you feel unwell — it is meant to help keep you healthy.

By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant – Obstetrics & Gynaecology
Manipal Hospitals Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Pratibha Puraskar, hostel facility

Mysuru, May 24 (GA&DM)- Kanakashree Charitable Trust, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru, has invited applications from meritorious children of Kuruba community (Halumatha, Kadukuruba and Jenukuruba) who have scored more than 95 percent marks in SSLC (2025-26) and 90 percent marks in PUC (2025-26) for presentation of Pratibha Puraskar.

Announcing this at a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city on Thursday, Trust President T.B. Balagavi said, Kuruba community students who studied in Mysuru Revenue Division districts of Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Chikkamagalur, only can apply.

The selected meritorious students will be presented Pratibha Puraskar at a programme to be held at Kanaka Samudaya Bhavan in Mysuru on June 14, Balagavi said adding that all meritorious students will be given a cash of Rs. 5,000 and a certificate of appreciation.

For details, contact Ph: 080-23585684 or Mob: 98451-01696.

Hostel facility

Kanakashree Charitable Trust has also invited applications from students belonging to backward classes including Kuruba community, for its Kanakashree Students Hostel at Vishweshwaraiah Layout in Bengaluru.

The students pursuing various courses in Bengaluru and those preparing for competitive examinations can apply.

Along with accommodation, separate Study Centre facility will be provided. Food will be given at a concessional rate. Interview of eligible students will be conducted in Bengaluru. Last date to apply is June 30.

For details, contact Mob: 94834-25046 or 98451-01696.

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Yesterday's level **84.40 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,253.60 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,823.44 feet**
Today's Inflow **70 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **71 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **203 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **3,655 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **700 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **180 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Mesopotamian Wool:*** *One of the earliest versions of shirt-like clothing originated in ancient Mesopotamia around 3000 BC.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *Dino, why are you looking at your friend's test paper?*
Dino: *I am just checking if his questions are the same as mine!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 95.70
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 128.75
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1 Euro	= Rs. 111.47

VOICE OF THE READER

Three manholes left open in Sathagalli

Sir,

Residents behind the Minority Boys Hostel in A-Zone, Sathagalli, are facing severe inconvenience due to incomplete manhole works and non-functioning street lights in the locality.

Several manholes in the area are blocked and remain non-functional, creating unhygienic conditions, foul smell and mosquito breeding.

On May 5, 2026, residents collectively spent around Rs. 12,000 to clean five manholes in the locality.

However, despite the cleaning work being completed, only two manhole covers were provided and closed by the Rammanahalli Panchayat Office, while the remaining cleaned manholes have been left open.

Residents have repeatedly requested the authorities to provide covers and close the cleaned manholes. However, despite continuous follow-ups from May 5 to 15, no proper action has been taken.

The open manholes pose a serious safety risk to children, elderly people and the general public, especially at night, as several street lights in the area are also not functioning.

Residents say that despite paying property taxes ranging from Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 20,000 annually, basic civic amenities continue to be neglected.

The residents have urged the authorities concerned and the Rammanahalli Panchayat Office to immediately complete the manhole closure work and restore the street lights in the interest of public hygiene and safety.

— Aggrieved residents
Sathagalli
16.5.2026

1,519 M.Tech, 2,978 Diploma Engg. aspirants write PG-CET in city

Students making their final preparations for PG-CET at Maharani's Junior College on Narayan Shastri Road in city yesterday.

Mysuru, May 24 (BLU & BNR)- The Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) conducted the Post Graduate Common Entrance Test (PG-CET) for admission to M.Tech and Diploma Engineering courses at 11 examination centres across the city yesterday.

A total of 1,519 students appeared for the M.Tech PG-CET held from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm. Of the 1,648 candidates who had registered, 129 were absent.

For the Diploma Engineering PG-CET conducted from 2 pm to 5 pm, 2,978 students took the examination, while 107 of the 3,085 registered candidates remained absent.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Hanumanth Rao, Examination Process Head appointed by KEA, said that only 24 students were accommodated in each classroom to ensure smooth conduct of the examination.

He added that 11 examination heads, 11 observers, 11 flying squads, 11 custodians and 11 supervisors were deployed across the 11 centres.

Biometric authentication

To prevent malpractice, KEA used a 'Biometric Face Authentication Device' for candidate verification. Students were allowed into the examination centres only after their identities were authenticated through the system using mobile phones.

Jammers were installed at all examination centres, while CCTV cameras were placed both at the entrance of the colleges and inside classrooms where the examinations were held.

As part of the security measures, photocopy shops and browsing centres near the examination centres were ordered to remain closed.

Prohibitory orders under Section 163 of BNS were imposed within a 200-metre radius of the centres and Police personnel were deployed for security. Entry was restricted to students and authorised examination staff only.

Mango and Jackfruit Mela in city

100 tonnes sold, Rs. 35 lakh turnover

Mysuru, May 24 (MTY&BS)- The three-day Mango and Jackfruit Mela organised by the Department of Horticulture from May 15 to 17 at Kuppanna Park in city, saw a turnover of Rs. 35 lakh, realised through the sales of 100 tonnes of mango and 300 kg of honey.

Deputy Director of Horticulture Manjunath Angadi said, as many as 28 stalls had been set up, with the farmers provided with space to sell mango and honey. The response was good, he added.

Besides, the response for saplings raised by the nursery of Horticulture Department was good, with 2,000 to 3,000 plants sold during the Mela.

The plants of mango, jackfruit, guava, sapota, curry leaves, drum sticks, along with that of ornamental plant species, were much in demand, said Angadi.

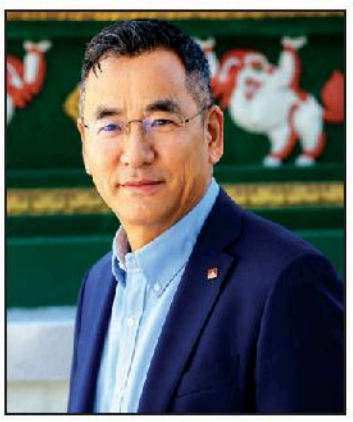
Thiksey Monastery honours Dalai Lama's guardian

Bylakuppe, May 24- Tenzin Taklha, Chief of Security and Secretary to His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, was honoured at Thiksey Monastery near Leh, in the Ladakh region, during the 84th birthday celebrations of the 9th Thiksey Rinpoche.

He received a commemorative citation and medal recognising over three decades of service to the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan community in exile.

The award, instituted in 2016 with His Holiness as its first recipient, praised Taklha's integrity, discretion and loyalty, marking him as a quiet guardian whose work has sustained the Dalai Lama's global mission.

Born in Calcutta in 1965 and raised across Switzerland and the United States before returning to Dharamsala, Taklha has combined academic achievement with practical service, from refugee resettlement in the U.S. to covert visits to Tibet.



Tenzin Taklha

His career has spanned security, logistics and administration, making him central to the Dalai Lama's global engagements.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Deadline extended

City based KSOU has extended the deadline for applying for vacant seats for Ph.D course in different departments and study centres, to May 28. The earlier deadline was May 21. The KSOU had issued notification inviting applications for Ph.D seats in its different departments on Apr. 27. For details, log on to the University website: ***www.ksoumysuru.ac.in,*** according to a press release.

Calling students

Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali, Sri Krishnadhama, Sahukar Chennaiah Road, Saraswathipuram, has invited applications from meritorious Trimathastha Brahmin community students who have scored more than 96 percent marks in SSLC and over 95 percent in CBSE Class 10 and PUC /12th std (2025-26) for presentation of Pratibha Puraskar. Prescribed application forms are available at the Billing Counter at Sri Krishnadhama and the last date for submission of application forms along with necessary records is June 30. For details, contact Mob: 94813-22340 or 80887-55735.

Books listed for purchase

The Department of Libraries has published the list of books selected (Published in 2022) by the State-level Books Selection Committee for purchase by Libraries. The listed books include those in Kannada, English, Hindi and other Indian languages. The selected books will be purchased by the Department as per the requirement and availability of space in Libraries. For details, contact - The City Central Library, Peoples Park, Male Mahadeshwara Road, Nazarbad, Mysuru.

Mysuru Zoo open

Mysuru Zoo and Karanji Lake Nature Park will be kept open for public on Tuesday (May 26) on account of summer holidays to the educational institutions, according to a press release.

Obituary

R. Meenakshamma

Mysuru, May 24- R. Meenakshamma (83), wife of late S.L. Ranganath and a resident of Ashokapuram, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind two daughters, four sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Vidyaranyapuram Burial Ground today, according to family sources.

Pothole-hit roads get mere patchwork

Patchwork being undertaken by the MCC on some roads in select areas of the city.

Mysuru, May 24 (BLU&DM)- In what seems to be a 'Patchy decision', the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), instead of taking road repair works by Asphalting, has resorted to 'Patch work' of damaged stretches of city roads, which can only be a temporary measure.

In the past, the MCC used to asphalt the roads that were damaged due to rains or other conditions. But now, the MCC has deviated from its action, by just asphalting select roads during Dasara. But the damaged roads have to wait until the arrival of Dasara festival for getting a new look.

The MCC used to regularly asphalt the roads around Mysore Palace in the heart of the city as it was an important tourist destination. But now, the MCC is just doing patch work on prominent roads such as Sayyaji Rao Road, K.R. Circle, Agrahara Circle etc., However, the MC has limited this patchwork too to roads in the heart of the city, while ignoring the damaged roads in localities.

The pothole dotted roads and poor condition of roads in localities has resulted in many road accidents taking place, with motorists getting injured. The condition of roads in layouts along the ring road is more deplorable. The roads in these layouts were asphalted only when they were laid and have not seen any re-asphalting or repairs since then. Also, just patch work of roads in localities have often resulted in uneven and bumpy surface, posing a threat to motorists

While the MCC has ignored repair and maintenance of roads in localities, it has launched white topping works on 46 kms of roads at a cost of Rs. 460 crore. This white topping works is taken up at present only on Inter-state highways that pass through the city.

Meanwhile, the MCC is running short of Bitumen (Tar), a vital Petroleum byproduct, used for road works, due to disruption in supplies on account of the ongoing West Asia conflict. Countries such as Iran, UAE, USA, Somalia and Columbia are the main suppliers of Bitumen to India. But due to US-Israel and Iran war, the supply chain has been badly disrupted, resulting in severe shortage of the vital product and abnormal hike in prices. India has been importing 2.5 to 3.2 Million Metric tonne s of Bitumen every year. But the supplies has been severely hit for the past couple of months owing to the West Asia war, which has severely impacted economies globally.

Monsoon: CESC issues safety advisory

Mysuru, May 24 (MTY&BS)- With monsoon in the offing, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) limited, has issued a set of warning for the general public, consumers and farmers, as a precaution against any mishaps.

It is common for electric cables to snap during rainy season, leading to grounding, eventually disrupting the power supply. In view of this, the CESC linemen and staff are ready to handle any emergencies. The people must contact CESC officers during such exigency.

With the prevailing pre-monsoon season, the possibility of mishaps caused by heavy rain and wind cannot be ignored. Awareness must be created among consumers about the inconvenience they have to face during such situations, besides keeping an eye on public safety. Despite CESC drawing the action plan, the public should also be cautious from their side.

Caution for public

* Do not touch the snapped electric cables on road side or other places

* Don't dry clothes on electric poles, cables
* Don't tether cattle to electric poles or transformers
* Don't go near transformers during rain or wind

For farmers safety

* Don't switch on the irrigation pumpset in wet hands
* The electrical appliances should be kept off during rain
* Don't work on electrical appliances in waterlogged places
* Stay away from electric pole or transformer in field during rain

Helpline numbers

Mysuru - 18005990062
Ch'nagar -18005990063
Mandya - 18005990066
Kodagu - 18005990061
Hassan - 18005990065

Motorists struggle as rainwater inundates city's roads

Mysuru, May 24 (VVH&KS)- Scattered heavy rainfall disrupted normal life last evening as heavy rains turned roads into streams causing a lot of inconvenience to the public especially two-wheeler riders.

Heavy rains lashed parts of the city including Ramaswamy Circle, Nazarbad, Gangothri Layout, K.G. Koppal, Vontikoppal, Saraswathipuram, Vidyaranyapuram, Lakshmipuram and Agrahara among other areas and roads turned into small streams while rain water remained stagnant in some places.

Manholes in few places overflowed and sewage water got mixed with rain water and flowed on the roads. As rain was accompanied by gusty winds, branches of trees at some places broke and fell on the roads.

As works are going on and mud excavated and dumped on the roadside near Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle (Hardinge Circle), the excavate mud flowed with rain water in front of Mysore Palace and formed slush causing a lot of inconvenience to motorists especially two-wheeler riders. As it was fourth Saturday yesterday, a holiday, vehicular traffic was more causing traffic jam, with vehicles stra6nded for over a kilometre in front of Mysore Palace, the South Gate and also on Bangalore-Nilgiri Road.

'Education a key tool for women's empowerment'

18th Graduation Day Ceremony of JSS Women's College held; 508 students receive various degrees; 21 students receive gold medals, prizes

Medal winning students seen with dignitaries, at the 18th Graduation Day Ceremony of JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram in city yesterday.

Mysuru, May 24 (BLU&BS)- Girish C. Hosur, Joint Secretary of the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, said that the days ahead are full of challenges for fresh graduates, who should be mentally strong to face the situation.

He was speaking after distributing gold medals and prizes to the toppers at the 18th Graduation Day Ceremony of JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram in city yesterday.

"The students who have secured a degree after pursuing education with perseverance, should make use of the knowledge they have gained, by moving ahead in life with better skills. The women's empowerment is possible through education and when compared to past few decades, the present-day women represent every other field and have also tasted success in the same, but still below expected lines," he added.

Several women fail to reach the pinnacle, for the reasons aplenty like poor financial condition and lack of opportunities. Education is a powerful tool for achievement, he said.

Emphasising on having an aim to achieve in life, Hosur advised to tread ahead with commitment, firm mind and patience, ignoring the criticisms which come in the way.

He advised the students to understand the pain of their parents, who go to any length to educate their wards. In return, the students should honour their parents, by decorating top positions in their career, he said.

In all, 508 students, including Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate students, received their degrees. A total of 21 students from various departments, were awarded gold medals and prizes.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graced the ceremony. JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Principal Dr. Rechanna and others were present.

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TODAY'S MATCHES
MAY 24

MUMBAI INDIANS Vs RAJASTHAN ROYALS

MI Vs **RR**
Wankhede Stadium,
Mumbai, **3.30 pm**

KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS Vs DELHI CAPITALS

KKR Vs **DC**
Eden Gardens,
Kolkata, **7.30 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

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Greens drop opposition to 137 tree felling proposal at BEML

Environmental1 activists and BEML officers during the site visit to inspect the trees yesterday.

Mysuru, May 24 (MTY&BCT)- Environmental activists have decided not to oppose the proposed felling of 137 trees within the BEML factory premises on the outskirts of Mysuru.

This decision comes after the company clarified that cutting trees was necessary to construct a new Occupational Health Centre (OHC), which is considered vital for employee safety and emergency care.

A five-member delegation from the environmental group 'Parisarakkagi Naavu' visited the BEML campus yesterday, inspected the proposed construction site and held discussions with senior officials before arriving at the decision.

The activists said, the need for a full-fledged health facility for employees outweighed their concerns over tree loss, particularly after the management assured them that efforts would be made to minimise damage to greenery and undertake compensatory plantation.

Spread across nearly 450 acres, the BEML complex maintains almost 50 percent of its area under green cover. The facility employs around 1,890 workers, staff and officers. According to officials, the existing OHC, located adjacent to the shop floor, is inadequate to cater to such a large workforce.

Immediate first aid assistance

The company stated that the proposed new health centre is a key requirement under the Karnataka Factories Rules as well as ISO 45001 occupational health and safety standards.

The new building is planned near the main gate and compound wall adjacent to the Highway, enabling quicker access for ambulances and faster transfer of injured workers to hospitals in emergencies. Officials also said that the facility could provide immediate first aid assistance to victims of road accidents occurring nearby. BEML said that more than 3,000 saplings and 100 coconut trees had recently been planted across the campus.

The company assured the activists that only the minimum number of trees required for construction would be removed. The company has also promised to plant 10 saplings for every tree felled and introduce more native and fruit-bearing species within the campus to improve biodiversity.

BEML General Manager S. Sudhakar, HR Manager Karithirumal and Deputy General Manager K. Malatesh facilitated the site inspection and briefed the delegation about the project and environmental safeguards.

The visiting delegation comprised Parashuramegowda, Ravi Bale, Banu Prashanth, Vishwanath and Sudhir Ganapathi. The trees that are scheduled to be cut include 47 teak, 13 acacia, 10 mahogany, 50 wild varieties, 9 peltophorum, 6 silver oak, one orchid tree and one honge tree.

Kodagu scripts history with first-ever organ retrieval

Grieving wife's decision gives new life to many, 'walk of honour' for donor

Madikeri, May 24 (PS&BCT)- In a touching act of humanity, a grieving wife chose to give life to others by consenting to donate her husband's organs after he was declared brain dead at Kodagu District Hospital, Madikeri, managed by Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS).

Dalu, 46, a resident of Aravathokkalu village in Ponnampet taluk, had suffered severe head injuries after falling at his house on May 17. Despite treatment, he succumbed to his injuries, following which his wife Rajeshwari agreed to donate his organs.

The donation marked the first organ retrieval procedure in the history of Kodagu District Hospital. Doctors retrieved his heart, kidneys and corneas, which were later transported under 'zero traffic' arrangements to hospitals in Mysuru and Bengaluru for transplantation.

Dalu was initially treated at Gonikoppal Government Hospital before being shifted to Madikeri District Hospital on May 19 after his condition deteriorated. A CT scan revealed critical internal head injuries.

Dalu

The team of doctors at Kodagu District Hospital, Madikeri, with the retrieved organs that were sent to Mysuru and Bengaluru.

Family consent, procedure

On May 22, doctors confirmed brainstem death after two rounds of examinations by a medical board and mandatory observation procedures under Indian law. The family was subsequently counselled on organ donation and Dalu's wife, Rajeshwari, gave her consent.

The organ retrieval surgery was carried out in the early hours of May 23 under the guidance of Kodagu Medical College Dean Dr. A.J. Lokesh and Senior Surgeons Dr. Somashekar and Dr. Nanjundaiah.

ICU Specialist Dr. Nishid Joseph and Nursing Officer Pavan continuously monitored and stabilised the donor's condition ahead of the procedure.

Nursing staff Jayashree, Anil and Manjunath, along with Senior Nursing Officers Vasanth and Mahesh, assisted through the night.

To Mysuru and Bengaluru hospitals

By 2 am, Surgeons had successfully retrieved the two kidneys, heart and corneas. Medical teams from Mysuru and Bengaluru, including specialists from JSS Hospital and Narayana Hrudayalaya, participated in the procedure. The organs were dispatched to recipient hospitals by 6 am. The hospital later held a solemn 'walk of honour' for Dalu. Rajeshwari was also presented with an official organ donation certificate in recognition of the family's decision.

Speaking emotionally, Rajeshwari said, "We wanted his death to give life to others, so we agreed to donate his kidneys, eyes and heart," she said.

Leopard that killed child trapped in cage

Female leopard caught after 14 days in M.M. Hills

The female leopard trapped in the cage at M.M. Hills this morning. Picture right shows the Leopard Task Force personnel and other Forest Department staff at the capture site.

Mysuru, May 24 (MTY&BCT)- Fourteen days after a leopard killed a 10-year-old boy near Indiganatha village on the forest route to Male Mahadeshwara Temple in Male Mahadeshwara (M.M.) Hills, the Forest Department this morning trapped the big cat using a specially designed cage baited with a goat.

The victim, Harshith from Bengaluru, was trekking to the hilltop with his parents and a group of devotees when the attack took place around 7 am on May 10.

According to officials, the group was passing through a forest stretch between Indiganatha village and Nagamale when the leopard, believed to have been hiding in thick bushes, suddenly pounced on the boy. Despite attempts by devotees and his parents to drive away the leopard, it dragged Harshith into the forest. His body was found later.

Following the incident, the Forest Department temporarily banned padayatra on the route to ensure the safety of devotees.

Relieving residents and devotees, a female leopard estimated to be around five to six years old was trapped near Indiganatha village this morning.

LTF operation

Leopard Task Force (LTF) from Mysuru, led by RFO Puttaswamy, had intensified surveillance in the area using thermal drones, drone cameras and multiple camera traps to track the animal. However, the leopard had evaded detection for the past several days, raising concerns that it could stray into nearby human settlements.

To capture the animal, the Forest Dept. had placed four cages in the vicinity of the attack site. The leopard eventually entered a cage brought from Tumakuru after being lured by the bait.

The trapping site falls along the border of the Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary and the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary under the Gopinatham Wildlife Range.

Forest officials secured the area immediately after the capture and a veterinary team is expected to examine the animal. Officials said, a decision on whether to shift the leopard to a rehabilitation centre or release it deep inside the forest will be taken after the medical assessment.

The operation was carried out under the guidance of Mysuru Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. I.B. Prabhugowda. Chamarajanagar Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF) Dr. Malathi Priya also visited the spot.

Mineral freight train chugs off

The logistics team of Inland Container Yard, along with the mineral train before it left for Odisha.

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The inaugural train carried 80 TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units), transporting nearly 2,200 metric tonnes of semi-processed Dunite, a valuable industrial mineral sourced from Hullahalli near Nanjangud, to Jindal Stainless Ltd. in Odisha.

Covering a distance of nearly 1,750 km, the consignment marks the longest domestic supply route undertaken from the Kadakola facility so far. Earlier, the unit had mainly handled shorter dispatches, including motorcycles and commercial goods to Chennai.

The operation was supervised by CONCOR MMLP General Manager M.P. Vijay Kumar. The process involved extracting Dunite in raw stone form, crushing it to the required specifications and loading it into shipping containers for long-distance transportation.

Strengthening shipments

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Vijay Kumar said the present movement was a trial run and that its success could pave the way for regular freight services, further strengthening multimodal connectivity between South and Eastern India.

He said the development marks a major milestone for Mysuru's mining and logistics sectors, demonstrating the feasibility of transporting bulk industrial minerals across the country through containerised rail services.

The move is also expected to reduce dependence on road transport and provide a more sustainable and efficient logistics solution.

The ICD was built by CONCOR at a cost of Rs. 100 crore and was virtually inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 12, 2024.

At present, most export-bound cargo from the region is transported by road to Chennai Port, increasing both cost and transit time. Officials believe the ICD will provide a safer, faster and more reliable alternative.

Products exported from the region include engineering goods, coffee, electronic items and agro-based products. The Kadakola facility is CONCOR's third Container Yard in Karnataka after Whitefield in Bengaluru and Mangaluru.

Finally, Millennium Circle free from sheep

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Officials inspect

MCC Zone-7 Zonal Commissioner K.R. Rathnambika, NR Sub-Division Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) K.T. Mathews Thomas, Narasimharaja Inspector P.K. Raju and other officials inspected the Bal Bhavan premises yesterday.

During the inspection, officials noticed some traders conducting business in the middle of the road and directed them to shift the animals to the footpath area to avoid inconvenience to motorists.

Traders and customers were also instructed to park vehicles in an orderly manner without obstructing traffic. Officials further directed traders to maintain cleanliness at the premises.

Traffic congestion and safety

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Rathnambika said the shifting decision was taken after repeated complaints regarding traffic congestion and safety issues. She said discussions were held with Deputy Commissioner and MCC Commissioner, following which permission was granted to relocate the trading activity to Bal Bhavan. Subsequently, discussions were held with the Police regarding the advantages and challenges of shifting the market.

Millenium Circle in Bannimantap, where vehicles are seen moving without any traffic disruption.

According to her, traders cooperated with the move and shifted their business to the new location without objection. MCC staff, particularly members of the Abhaya team, are assisting by directing traders and customers arriving at Millenium Circle towards the Bal Bhavan premises.

Waste disposal

MCC has also taken measures to ensure that morning and evening walkers at Bal Bhavan are not inconvenienced. Civic workers are cleaning the premises daily, while traders have been instructed to dispose of waste in bins placed at various locations.

Rathnambika added that temporary toilet and drinking water arrangements would be provided after approval from MCC Commissioner. The successful relocation of animal market was possible due to the cooperation of traders, Police and MCC staff.

Nanjangud Temple records Rs. 1.48 crore *hundi* collection

Nanjangud, May 24- The famed Srikanteshwara Temple at Nanjangud, popularly known as 'Dakshina Kashi,' has recorded a *hundi* collection of Rs.1.48 crore in cash in one month.

The monthly *hundi* counting was taken up at the temple's Dasoha Bhavan here recently, during which Rs. 1,48,33,874 in cash, 51 gram gold jewellery, 1.7-kg of silver articles and 31 currencies of different countries were found.

The counting was taken up under the supervision of the Temple EO C.J. Krishna.

Foam manufacturing unit gutted at Kadakola Industrial Area

Mysuru, May 24 (VVH&KS)- Machineries and raw materials worth lakhs of rupees were destroyed in a fire mishap at a foam manufacturing unit at Kadakola Industrial Area in Nanjangud taluk yesterday.

The fire mishap took place at 'Meera Shree' foam manufacturing unit and it is learnt that machineries and raw materials worth about Rs. 50 lakh have been destroyed in the fire.

Fire is said to have broke out at about 4.30 pm yesterday when five workers were busy at work inside the unit. Passersby who noticed thick smoke emanating from the factory, immediately informed the staff to come out. As soon as the workers rushed outside, fire engulfed the factory with thick smoke coming from it causing tensed moments.

Meanwhile, public informed the Fire Station and Fire & Emergency Services personnel, who rushed to the spot, managed to bring the fire under control and prevented it from spreading further, thus averting a major fire accident.

Regional Fire Officer P. Chandan, speaking to *SOM,* said that as soon as they received information about the fire, five fire extinguishing vehicles from Nanjangud, Mysuru and other places were dispatched to the spot. Initially, steps were taken to prevent the fire from spreading to neighbouring factories.

As the intensity of fire was increasing, fire extinguishing vehicles from the nearby TVS and Asian Paints factories were summoned to the spot and the fire was doused in a two-hour-long operation, he said and added that foam and other items have been destroyed in the fire and luckily no loss of life took place.

Station Officers Lakshmikanth Yadav and Cheluvaraju, District Fire Officer K.C. Ramesh, Gururaj and staff took part in the fire extinguishing operation.

House burgled

Mysuru, May 24 (GA&KS)- Miscreants have stolen Rs. 2.35 lakh from a house in Narasimharaja (NR) Police limits in city.

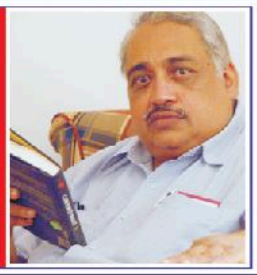
The theft took place at the house of Mohammed Kaleem, a car dealer on Shivaji Road in N.R. Mohalla.

In his complaint, Kaleem has stated that on May 19, he received a chit amount of Rs. 2.35 lakh which he had kept in the wardrobe at his son's bedroom. The next day (May 20), he (Kaleem) along with his family members left Mysuru at about 5.45 pm to Bengaluru Airport to see off his brother who was going on a Haj pilgrimage and returned at about 7.30 am the next day.

As he was in need of cash, he opened the wardrobe in his son's bedroom to take out the cash only to find it missing and immediately lodged a complaint at NR Police Station.

NR Police, who have registered a case are investigating.

Over a cup of evening Tea



By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Sir David, scores a perfect century!

Centuries are what history is made up of and centuries are what any cricketer would like to quickly pile up, in the basket of his achievements and a century is what most people would love to live for, although very few of us live long enough to get there.

But living for a full century, which is longed for by most, does not come easy even for most of the people who are destined to cross that milestone. **To be able to live long, in good health, without being confined to a hospice bed or even to your own bed at home, is what constitutes the real and much longed for joy of living long.**

To enjoy living for a hundred years, you have to reach that goal by being able to at least get around your own house unassisted, on your own two feet, do your most personal daily grooming all by yourself, eat from a plate with your own steady hands, wear your pants yourself and most importantly, also keep them dry, without packing any adult diapers inside!

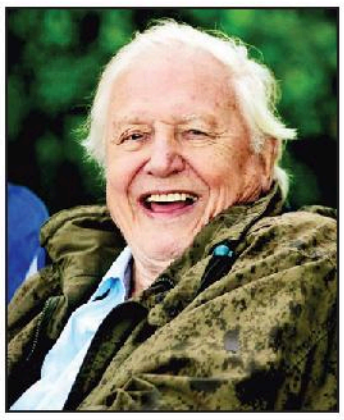
Otherwise, living long can be the most painful phase of life, even if you happen to be the few amongst us who have the most loving and caring family members around you.

Mind you, whether you have the courage to accept it or not, it is an irrefutable fact of life today that as most people begin to get older, they find themselves getting lonelier and lonelier. It is not because their children do not love them anymore like before, but most often it is because they have to leave the parental nest and pursue their owns lives and goals, without which life will not be easy to live, in these fast paced and highly competitive times.

That is why, I reiterate that you have to count yourself as being very fortunate if you manage to live to be a hundred, with all your faculties and abilities intact and surrounded by your loved ones, who in turn love you.

Among the rare notable ones who come to my mind, who have walked past this historic milestone, is **Sir David Frederick Attenborough,** the man who has earned a place for himself as the world's best known and best loved naturalist. And, he has accomplished this, with his walking boots on! He turned a hundred on 8th May, 2026, with his smile and all his grace and charm intact.

Like the many insects he has talked about in his many books and shows, he too went through a long phase of metamorphosis, spanning a full seven decades, from being a collector of animals for the London Zoo in the early fifties, to being a Zoologist,



Sir David Attenborough

Natural Historian, writer and the much-loved broadcaster that he eventually became.

Over these years he has been conferred with many honorary degrees and notable awards, including the **Kalinga Award** in 1981, that was instituted by **UNESCO** in the year 1952, following a donation by **Biju Patnaik,** the Indian politician, businessman and aviator, who served as the third Chief Minister of the State of Odisha.

This award, which was first awarded to **Louis de Broglie,** who won the Nobel Prize in Physics, in 1921, was meant to be given to those showing exceptional skill in presenting scientific ideas to lay people, which was David's forte. Not surprisingly, David was also knighted by the Queen in the year 1985, which earned him the title of 'Sir.'

It is interesting to note that a man who has travelled many times around the world, touching some of its remotest corners, could not drive a car in his own country because he was never able to pass his driving test and he also never owned a television set himself, until long after he became a broadcaster on television!

Although I had read a few of his books about how he went about procuring living specimens for the London Zoo, my real experience of the joy of watching him in the dozens of documentaries he has made, came only after we procured our first television set in the early eighties. **Our whole family got so quickly hooked to his mesmerising narrations that watching his weekly show was something we would never miss.**

Come hell or high water, we would make it a point to come home from wherever we were and whatever we were doing, to be seated before the small screen, well before David would make his appearance.

This rather uneasy arrangement ended only when we procured a **Video Cassette Recorder (VCR)** in 1985, which enabled us to set it to record programmes of our choice, even when we were away from home. This had the added advantage of enabling us to not only view our favourite programmes at our convenience but also view them any number of times, which we all used to do quite often.

The result of this era is that we have with us a whole library of David's documentary video tapes, although now with the advances that have come after that era, there is no need to go back to viewing them. But they all remain neatly stacked in a cupboard at home, alongside the dozens of tape recorder spools and hundreds of compact audio cassettes and CDs, that make up the memorabilia of a family that holds on to everything from our past!

When I ponder over the kind of calm and contented life that David has led, I feel that he lived all his life, doing what he liked to do most and he can therefore be likened to the **Happy Man** from the '*Ode on Solitude*' by his own countryman, **Alexander Pope,** which says:

Happy the man, whose wish and care
A few paternal acres bound,
Content to breathe his native air,
In his own ground...
Blest, who can unconcernedly find
Hours, days and years slide soft away,
In health of body, peace of mind,
Quiet by day!

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Cardiovascular health digital screening camp at JSS

Mysuru, May 24- The School of Public Health and the Department of Cardiology, JSS Medical College, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER), in collaboration with Philips, recently organised a cardiovascular health awareness initiative for students, clinicians and hospital staff as part of "Care for Caregivers" event.

The initiative focused on promoting heart health awareness and encouraging proactive lifestyle choices through the use of accessible, technology-enabled wellness tools. As part of the programme, participants were introduced to Philips HeartPrint, an AI powered, smart-phone based lifestyle application designed to provide insights related to personal heart health and overall well-being through a simple finger-based scan.

The sessions were conducted over two days at JSS Medical College and at JSS Hospital which witnessed enthusiastic participation from both teaching and non-teaching staff.

Participants had the opportunity to engage with a set of indicators, including heart health related indices, body composition parameters and hand grip strength, providing a broader perspective on functional and lifestyle-oriented aspects of health.

A total of 354 participants took part in the initiative, reflecting strong interest in preventive health awareness.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. C.P. Madhu, Director, JSS Hospital, highlighted the importance of building awareness around heart health and empowering individuals to take informed, proactive steps toward maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

The initiative underscores the value of collaboration between academic institutions and industry partners in advancing health awareness, promoting preventive lifestyles and supporting the well-being of the healthcare professionals, stated a press release from Dr. Anil S. Bilimale, Chief Programme Coordinator, School of Public Health, JSS Medical College.

State-level Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Jayanti celebrations on June 4

Additional DC R. Aishwarya addressing a preparatory meeting on Nalwadi Jayanti celebrations at the Court Hall in Deputy Commissioner's Office on Thursday.

Mysuru, May 24 (PM&DM)- The District Administration will celebrate State-level Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Jayanti (Nalwadi Jayanthyotsava) at Kalamandira here on June 4, said Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) R. Aishwarya.

Presiding over a preparatory meeting at the DC Office on Thursday, she said, "Nalwadi is an iconic ruler of Mysuru, who made innumerable contributions for the growth and economic prosperity of the State and welfare of the people. It is important that the contributions of the erstwhile ruler reach every citizen. In this backdrop, his Jayanti should be celebrated in a meaningful manner.

Aishwarya also appealed the people to take part in the celebration in large numbers.

"Ahead of the stage programme at Kalamandira, a grand procession will be taken out from the Palace after garlanding the portrait of Nalwadi in front of Lakshminarayanaswamy temple in the Palace premises. The procession will be accompanied

by Mounted Police, Police Band and a host of folk and cultural troupes," she said.

Continuing, she said that Nalwadi Geethagayana will be organised as part of the event. Also, there will be painting, quiz and essay writing contests for children in two different categories — 7 to 14 years and 15 to 18 years. The winners of these contests will be given prizes during the Jayanti celebration on June 4, she explained.

Directing the authorities to ensure drinking water supply and breakfast to procession participants, she said that the Police must make necessary security arrangements for the event.

Representatives of various associations, who took part in the meeting, appealed the authorities to screen a documentary on Nalwadi at prominent circles and junctions across the city and in Schools and Colleges. They also demanded that the Jayanti be celebrated at Gram Panchayat level.

Kannada and Culture Department Asst. Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Information and Public Relations Department Assistant Director S.H. Nirmala, Historian Prof. P.V. Nanjaraja Urs, activists B.M. Shivashankar and Sosale Siddaraju, Congress leader K. Mahesh, Kannada Samskrutika Parishat President S.K. Rajugowda, singer Jayashankar Maistry and others were present.

Admission for MIT Law College

Hemanth Kumar

Mysuru, May 24 (GA&DM)- Maharaja Education Trust (MET) has started admissions for its new 5-year BBA, LLB course at MIT Law College located in MITM Campus, Hale Kesare, Mysuru, from the academic year 2026-27.

Announcing this at a press meet here on Friday, MET Vice-President Dr. G. Hemanth Kumar said that students who have passed PUC or equivalent can apply for the course affiliated to KLU and approved by Government of Karnataka.

Last date for applying is June 4 and the first list of admission will be announced on June 8, he said and added that classes will commence from July 6. The Law College has a spacious hostel in the campus for students from far off places with Wi-Fi facility, healthy food and gymnasium. Also there is bus transport facility for students from various localities in city and from different places in Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar. The fee structure is affordable for all," he maintained.

'AI for Future Workforce'

2-day AI Skill Development Programme at JSS STU

Mysuru, May 24- JSS Science & Technology University (JSS STU), Mysuru, in association with Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), Bengaluru, Efficiency Augmentation Centre of Excellence (Industry 4.0) and Intel Technologies, has organised a two-day programme titled 'AI for Future Workforce' on May 25 and 26 at JSS STU in city.

The initiative aims to empower educators and students with future-ready Artificial Intelligence (AI) skills and promote AI-driven innovation and workforce preparedness.

Dr. B. Suresh, Pro-Chancellor, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER) and Director, TED, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru, will be the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony on May 25 at the IS Seminar Hall, Golden Jubilee Bhavan at 11.30 am.

Dr. A.N. Santosh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, JSS STU, will preside. Dr. Sanjay Tyagi, Director, STPI, Bengaluru; Manas Das, Senior Director, India Business Operations, Intel India; Dr. S.A. Dhanaraj, Registrar, JSS STU and Dr. C. Nataraju, Principal (in-Charge) & Dean (E&T), SJCE, JSS STU, will be present.

The first day of the programme will feature a 'Train-the-Trainer' (AI for Educators) session focusing on Generative AI, responsible AI practices, AI-assisted pedagogy and research applications.

The second day includes a Student Workshop on 'Generative AI and Agentic AI,' offering hands-on exposure to AI tools, AI agents and industry-relevant applications.

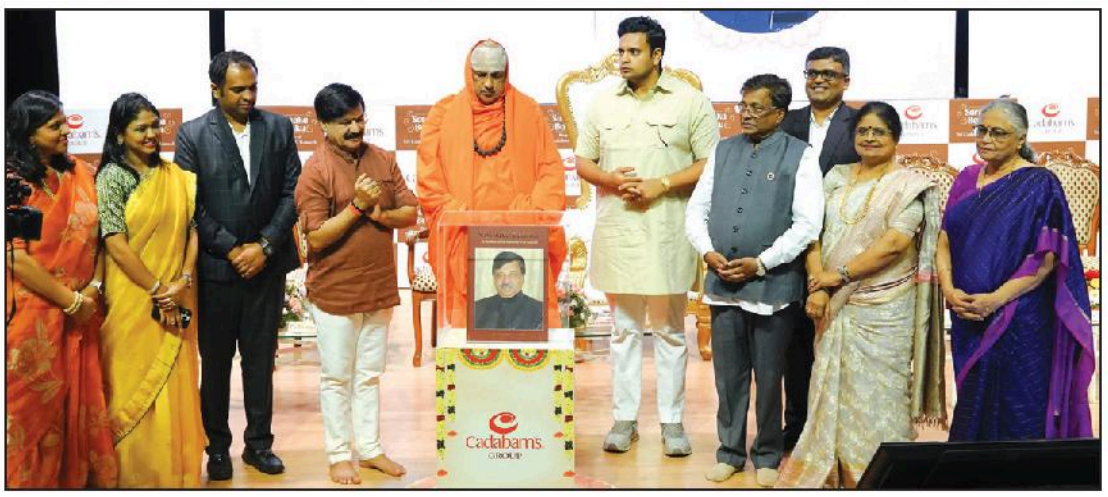
Timely mental healthcare can prevent suicides: Suttur Seer

Autobiography 'Sarthaka Baduku' by Cadabam M. Ramesh released at JCAC in city

Mysuru, May 24 (GA&BCT)- The autobiography '*Sarthaka Baduku*' by Cadabam M. Ramesh was released at an event held at Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC) in Vijayanagar recently.

The book was released by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji at the event organised by the Cadabam's Group. Addressing the gathering, the Seer expressed concern over the increasing cases of depression and the lack of timely treatment for those affected.

"Many people suffering from depression are not getting proper care in time, and this is leading to tragic suicides," he said, referring to recent incidents involving a youth who allegedly jumped from a building due to severe head-



ache and a college student who died by suicide after struggling with hostel life and depression.

He said JSS institutions are training teachers to identify students showing signs of depression and provide counselling and emotional support. Similar initiatives are also planned in rural schools, he added.

JSS, along with Cadabam's Group, is working towards providing quality psychiatric treatment and rehabilitation services to help patients reintegrate into society. "In today's world, where even parents are often neglected, remembering and valuing those who support us reflects Indian culture," he said.

Former MLA S.A. Ramdas stressed the need for awareness and prevention alongside treatment. "We must understand why mental illness cases are increasing and work towards prevention. Outreach programmes should begin in Mysuru within the next six months," he said.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar said mental health continues to remain one of the most neglected areas in the country. "Ancient Indian traditions had remedies and practices to address such conditions. Reviving that knowledge is important even today," he said.

Former Mayor H.N. Srikantaiah, Karur Vysya Bank Director M.V. Srinivasamurthy, Rita from Belagavi, author and Cadabam's Group Chairman M. Ramesh, his sons Sandesh Cadabam and Shreyas Cadabam, daughters Neha Cadabam and Divya Cadabam were also present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Fraught

Pronunciation: FRAWT (adjective).
Meaning: Fraught describes something that causes or involves a lot of emotional stress or worry. When fraught is used in the phrase "fraught with," it means "full of something bad or unwanted."
Origin: An early instance of the word fraught occurs in the 14th century poem *Richard Coer de Lyon,* about England's King Richard I, aka Richard the Lionheart. The line "The drowmound was so hevy fraught / That unethe myght it saylen aught" describes a large fast-sailing ship so heavily fraught—that is, loaded—that it can barely sail. The poet's use of fraught is typical for the time; originally, something that was fraught was laden with freight. For centuries, fraught continued to be used in relation to loaded ships, but that use is now considered archaic. These days, fraught is used in reference to situations that are heavy with tension, emotion, or some other weighty characteristic.
Example: "We might think replicating one of these ideas will deliver that perfectly walkable, equitable, sustainable and prosperous city of our hopeful imagination. Not likely. Many of these were hard wins, often fraught and contested in their local context." —Gia Biagi, *The Chicago Tribune,* 5 Apr. 2026

THE ODD WORD

Farcinate
To fill the stomach with food.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Finding your feet

Meaning: When you use the term 'Finding your feet' you mean that someone is becoming confident in a new situation.
Origin: No one is certain where the expression 'Finding your feet' originates. If you have ever seen a newborn animal working its way to a standing position, you might understand why this expression is one that has been around in various forms since ancient times.
Example: "You've only been working here a few days, but you really are finding your feet!"

QUOTE BOX

I will not let anyone walk through my mind with their dirty feet.
— Mahatma Gandhi

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Man of the world.

SUDOKU

	6	7	9		3			
5		4		2	8			
8				5		2	7	
	4	3		1				8
			1	7		9		6
			2		6	3	4	

Answer to previous puzzle

5	9	6	4	7	2	8	1	3
2	7	1	6	3	8	9	5	4
8	4	3	9	5	1	6	7	2
9	2	5	3	4	6	7	8	1
6	8	4	2	1	7	5	3	9
3	1	7	8	9	5	4	2	6
7	3	8	1	6	4	2	9	5
4	5	9	7	2	3	1	6	8
1	6	2	5	8	9	3	4	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 As previously given
5 Polish-American author Sholem
9 Small seed
12 "Lean" anagram for a girl's name?
13 Not on time
14 `Were' in the present tense
15 Old gas name
16 Taking as one's own
18 Intrinsically - in Latin? (3,2)
20 Chances
21 Impersonate
22 Floor covering
23 Acc. Standards Board
24 Taj Mahal city
27 Flushing Meadows initials
31 Gibson or Brooks of Hollywood
32 Anchored floats
34 Pad of loose material
35 Fruit drinks
37 Large cat
38 President Eisenhower's nickname ?
39 Father or daddy
41 Consumed
43 Ancient Mexican
46 Go and get
47 Assassin
50 Nautical cry
52 Estimated life expectancy
53 Assistant
54 Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (UK)
55 Arab market
56 Political cartoonist Thomas
57 "Side" anagram for fateful days?

FRIDAY'S ANSWER

T	O	L	U	■	A	A	H	■	M	I	N	T
A	R	O	N	■	C	R	E	T	O	N	N	E
W	E	A	T	H	E	R	B	E	A	T	E	N
S	O	F	I	A	■	■	E	R	N	E	■	■
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A	O	P	■	F	O	R	W	A	R	D	E	D
C	U	R	■	A	L	O	O	F	■	E	R	A
D	Z	I	G	G	E	T	A	I	■	D	M	K
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■	■	E	N	O	S	■	■	M	E	N	D	S
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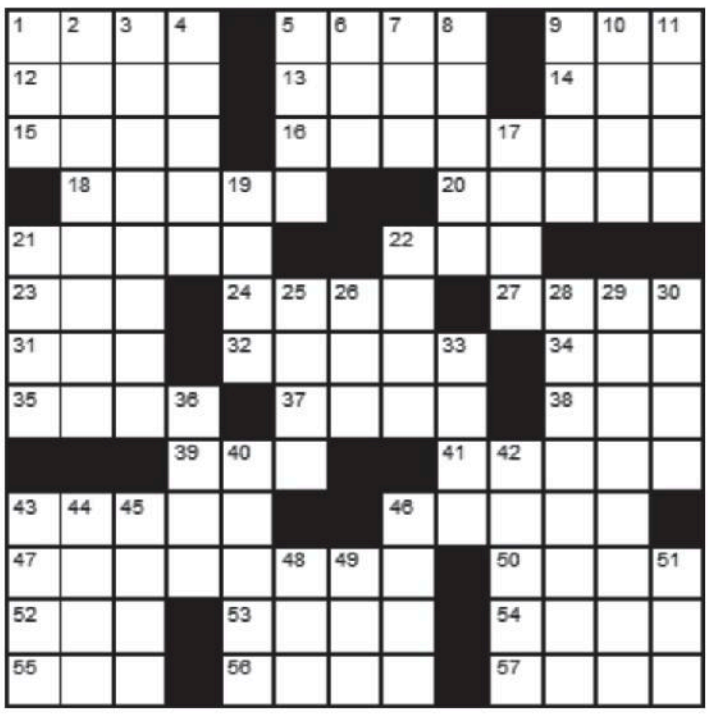
F	E	A	R	S	O	M	E	■	I	D	L	I
S	O	L	A	■	A	P	T	■	S	E	E	P

DOWN
1 French island
2 Held in contempt
3 Performing group
4 New Zealand native
5 Wings or winglike parts
6 Downcast
7 Central Technical Operations
8 Seven as a prefix
9 Duo
10 Clothes-smoother
11 Puts to paper
17 Ballet skirt
19 Protective crust over a wound
21 Papa's mate
22 Irish county
25 Drink very quickly
26 French monarch
28 Exchanged swapped or traded, in a way?
29 ___ ___ pay : pay given after deduction of taxes, dues, etc.? (4,4)
30 Arabian gulf
33 Cut, snicker - "seen" anagram?
36 Made haste
40 Large sea
42 Video game pioneer
43 University city in Iowa
44 African native
45 Sci-fi TV serial Star __
46 Worry, vex
48 Inlet for "air" change !
49 Walsh and O'Neill
51 Agreed



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

OQVVQE VJJ YPNZ NJUKWSQUNQ

VZRU VJJ GWVVGQ.

TODAY'S CLUE: J EQUALS O

Friday's Cryptoquip: Kindness is a language the mute can speak and the deaf can hear.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Drishyam-3 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  Karuppu (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  Lo Naveena (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Kotigobba (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Drishyam-3 (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  Rebel (Ta) - 4 Show
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  Kuchuku (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Karuppu (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Mob: 98863-25207
  Patriot (Ma) - 3 Shows

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Karuppu (Ta)	(S-1)	10.00 am, 1.05 pm
	(S-3)	6.55 pm
	(S-4)	4.00 pm, 10.15 pm
Chand Mera Dil (H)	(S-1)	4.15 pm, 7.10 pm
	(S-3)	10.00 pm
Drishyam-3 (Ma)	(S-1)	10.00 pm
	(S-4)	9.40 am, 7.00 pm
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (E)	(S-2)	10.35 am, 7.10 pm, 10.00 pm
Manga Maaya (K)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Krishnavataram Part 1 (H)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Drishyam-3 (K)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	(S-3)	10.25 am, 4.15 pm
Michael (E)	(S-4)	1.10 pm

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Karuppu (Ta)	:	1.00 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.30 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	1.05 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.15 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	1.25 pm, 4.05 pm, 7.00 pm
Drishyam-3 (Ma)	:	1.40 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Drishyam-3 (K)	:	3.55 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Karuppu (Ta)	:	9.20 am, 10.20 am, 12.30 pm 3.40 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.50 pm 10.00 pm
Michael (E)	:	10.00 am, 4.25 pm
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (H)	:	10.05 am, 6.50 pm
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (E)	:	12.55 pm, 9.40 pm
Chand Mera Dil (H)	:	10.10 am, 1.10 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.40 pm
Drishyam-3 (Ma)	:	10.30 am, 1.30 pm, 4.00 pm 7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Drishyam-3 (K)	:	12.45 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	1.45 pm, 7.10 pm
Krishnavataram Part 1: The Heart (H)	:	3.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	4.05 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	4.45 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh Do (H)	:	7.40 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Chand Mera Dil (H)	:	10.05 am, 1.00 pm, 7.00 pm
Drishyam-3 (Ma)	:	10.05 am, 4.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Drishyam-3 (Ka)	:	1.15 pm, 7.15 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	:	10.05 am, 1.00 pm, 7.00 pm 10.20 pm
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (H)	:	10.10 am, 4.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	1.20 pm, 7.40 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	4.00 pm
Veerabhadrudu (Te)	:	4.30 pm, 10.00 pm

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 24)

- **Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham - Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram:** 84th Birthday Celebrations of Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, 27th Brahmotsava of Sri Datta Venkateshwara Kshetra and 28th Anniversary of Nada Mantapa, Shesha Vahana Utsava, Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple, **5 pm;** Inauguration of 84th Birthday Celebrations of Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji and 27th Brahmotsava Festivities by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji and Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, will grace the occasion, Ashram premises, Datta Nagar, **6 pm.**
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Sneha Sinchana Trust, Mysuru:** Mothers Day celebrations, presentation of 'Adarsha Amma' award to V. Rukmini, Dr. K. Lakshmidevi, Anjana Prakash and Parvathamma; former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev inaugurates, social worker Dr. Pushpa Iyengar felicitates the awardees, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal delivers keynote address, Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy presides, Vijaya Vittala Vidyashale, Saraswathipuram, **4 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Veena concert in memory of Veena Maestro Vidwan M.J. Srinivasa Iyengar (MJS) by renowned veena artiste Vid. R. Parthasarathy from Chennai, accompanied by Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga and by Vid. Shamith S. Gowda on ghata, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Temple, Gokulam:** Adhika Masa, Vishnu Sahasranama Patana and Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, Gokulam, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Handi-Mandi' (based on 'Animal Farm' of George Orwell), directed by Shakeel Ahmed, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Udbhava Kalavidaru, Bengaluru and Sanchalana Mysuru and Tasmi, Mysuru:** Valedictory of Greeshma Rangotsava, staging of play 'Yeraderadla Aidu' by Sanchalana Mysuru, written by Asif Kshatriya, directed by Shwetha Srinivas and Asif Kshatriya, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Ashram, Dattanagar, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 25)

- **Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham - Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram:** 84th Birthday Celebrations of Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, 27th Brahmotsava of Sri Datta Venkateshwara Kshetra and 28th Anniversary of Nada Mantapa, Sri Chakra Puja at Nada Mantapa, **8 am;** Simha Vahana Utsava at Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple, **5 pm;** Inauguration of 28th Anniversary Festivities of Nada Mantapa, Hindustani Flute Concert by Pt. Rakesh Chaurasia, accompanied by Pt. Anindo Chatterjee on tabla, Ashram premises, Datta Nagar, **7 pm.**
- **Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple, Vijayanagar:** Rituals begins with Abhisheka and Laksharchane, followed by Lalitha Sahasranama Parayana by Women's Associations, Kumbabhisheka Mahotsava, Temple premises, **9 am.**
- **Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru, Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Association of India (CREDAI), Mysuru and Mysuru Builders Charitable Trust (MBCT):** MyRealty-2026, Mega Property Expo, Bharat Scouts & Guides Grounds, **10 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **Post-Graduate Department of Chemistry, Sarada Vilas College and IQAC:** Inauguration of one-day National Workshop on 'IPR: Recent Trends of Intellectual Property Rights in Chemical Research and Industry,' Dr. Giridhar Parvatam, Director, CFTRI, Mysuru, inaugurates and delivers keynote address; Dr. B.M. Subraya, President, Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions (SVEI), Mysuru and S.L. Ramachandra, Senior Governing Council Member, SVEI, Mysuru, guests of honour, Dr. M. Devika, Principal, Sarada Vilas College, presides, Centenary Hall, SVEI premises, **10 am;** Valedictory - Prof. M.P. Sadashiva, Professor, DoS in Chemistry, University of Mysore, chief guest, Prof. G.L. Shekhar, Governing Council Member, SVEI, guest of honour, Dr. M. Devika, Principal, Sarada Vilas College, presides, AV Hall, Sarada Vilas College, Krishnamurthypuram, **4 pm.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** Ramsons Kreedaa Kaushalya - 11th biennial of traditional board games of India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, Nazarbad, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Indian People Theatre Association (IPTA), Mysuru District Committee:** Foundation Day celebrations, retd. Announcer of Akashvani Prabhuswamy C. Malimath, IPTA State President H.D. Ramakrishna and AITUC District President N.K. Devadas will be present, KV Bhavan, Saraswathipuram, **10.30 am.**
- **JSS Science & Technology University (JSS STU), Mysuru:** Inauguration of 2-day programme titled 'AI for Future Workforce,' Dr. B. Suresh, Pro-Chancellor, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSSAHER) and Director, TED, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru, chief guest, Dr. A.N. Santosh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, JSS STU, presides, Dr. Sanjay Tyagi, Director, STPI, Bengaluru; Manas Das, Senior Director, India Business Operations, Intel India; Prof. Dr. S.A. Dhanaraj, Registrar, JSS STU and Dr. C. Nataraju, Principal (in-Charger) & Dean (E&T), SJCE, JSS STU, will be present, IS Seminar Hall, Golden Jubilee Bhavan, JSS STU, **11.30 am.**
- **Department of Studies (DoS) in Library & Information Science, University of Mysore:** Valedictory programme of Mysore University Library and Information Science Students' Association (MULISSA) 2025-26, Dr. G.R. Janardhana, Senior Professor, DoS in Botany Dean and Faculty of Science & Technology, University of Mysore (UoM), chief guest, Dr. B.M. Meera, former Librarian, Raman Research Institute, Bengaluru, delivers valedictory address, Dr. N.S. Harinarayana, Senior Professor & Chairman, DoS in Library & Information Science, UoM and President, MULISSA, presides, Dr. S.R. Ranganathan Hall, Department of Studies in Library & Information Science, Manasagangothri, **3.30 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Drishyam-3 (Ma)	:	9.40 am, 6.45 pm, 10.00 pm
Drishyam-3 (Ka)	:	12.15 pm, 3.30 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	:	9.50 am, 1.00 pm, 4.10 pm 7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (E)	:	11.05 am, 4.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Chand Mera Dil (H)	:	12.50 pm, 6.55 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	1.55 pm
Athiradi (Ma)	:	3.40 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	7.40 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Karuppu (Ta)	:	10.00 am, 1.10 pm, 4.00 pm, 7.10 pm
Chand Mera Dil (H)	:	10.20 am, 4.20 pm, 10.20 pm
Lockdown (K)	:	11.30 am
Drishyam-3 (Ma)	:	12.45 pm, 4.00 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (E)	:	1.10 pm, 7.10 pm
Asurana Kaiyalli Parijatha (K)	:	2.15 pm
Manga Maaya (K)	:	4.50 pm
Makkala Sainya (K)	:	7.40 pm
Athiradi (Ma)	:	10.00 pm
Kuchuku (K)	:	10.10 pm

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Award Ceremony

Mysuru, May 24- Rotary Midtown-Wekreate Space Sports Award 2026 will be conferred on B. Chaithra, Kho-Kho World Champion from Mysuru, at a programme to be held at Rotary Centre on JLB Road in city on May 27 at 6.30 pm, under the joint aegis of Rotary Mysore Midtown and Wekreate Space.

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